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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary was established to protect endangered humpback whales and their habitat in Hawai'i. Jumping out of the water or "breaching," as shown above, is one of many whale behaviors enjoyed by sanctuary visitors from the shore or aboard whale watching vessels. Approximately 5,000 humpbacks migrate to Hawai'i every winter to breed, give birth and nurse their young. For more information, please visit our website - <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>



Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) breaching in Sanctuary waters off Maui - Photo © Doug Perrine/HWRF/Seapics.com.

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